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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,366,323, granted April 2, 2002 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Digital Camera with Moveable Image Pickup Device

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on April 1, 2004 as reissue application number 10/815,184
and was amended on April 28, 2005, September 6, 2005 and May 19, 2006
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

I believe U.S. Letters Patent 6,366,323 to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming less than patentee had a right to claim in the patent. Claim 13, for example, recites, *inter alia*, a digital camera comprising an "image pick-up device," which patentees believe to be too narrow. Patentees have elected to broaden the limitation "image pick-up device" by providing claims which use the broader limitations "optical element" or "imaging element." In this regard, patent claims 1-13 contain an error in that they do not include an apparatus claim limitation which recites that when a lens barrel is in all of its plurality of photographic positions, all *optical elements* or all *imaging elements* are positioned along the optical axis (emphasis added), which is shown, *inter alia*, in Fig. 1A of U.S. Letters Patent 6,366,323. Therefore, apparatus claims 14-31 correct the errors of original apparatus patent claims 1-13, by reciting a camera wherein (with respect to independent apparatus claim 14) when a lens barrel is in all of its plurality of photographic positions, all *optical elements* are positioned along the optical axis, and wherein (with respect to independent apparatus claim 23) when a lens barrel is in all of its plurality of photographic positions, all *imaging elements* are positioned along the optical axis (emphasis added).

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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DECLARATION – Supplemental Priority Data Sheet

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